

Realizing that the strength of the combined brotherhoods must be shown at this time, the representatives of the "big four" marched into the conference room at the Grand Central terminal today and presented to the railway managers a resolution passed at a recent meeting in Chicago giving the brotherhood chiefs the right to call a strike. It reads as follows:

"Resolved, That should the supreme court find the Adamson law as in violation of the constitution that this body go on record as authorizing the chief executives of the four organizations represented by this body to convene the general committee on any railroad or group of railroads and proceed as they deem best, with full authority to call all men represented by the four brotherhoods on strike if necessary."

The first managers arriving at the eight-hour day conference headquarters today gave out "unofficially" the tip that the railroad attitude would be conciliatory and that they would be inclined to meet the four brotherhoods' demand with a compromise.

The only compromise intention the brotherhoods had shown was a statement of willingness to agree to pro-rate pay, instead of time and a half for overtime above eight hours.

At 12:35 the meeting adjourned and the conferring factions went out to lunch. W. G. Lee of the brotherhood faction told newspaper men there will be nothing given out until after 4 o'clock this afternoon, when an adjournment may be taken.

A compromise on the basis of a raise in wages, it is said, but with no reference to the 8-hour feature of the men's demands may be offered by the managers. It was not thought probable, however, that the men would agree to any such arrangement because of the fact that one of the most important features of their demands is the shortened day.

The brotherhood chiefs were to go into conference immediately after

lunch at their hotel headquarters to discuss the features of a proposition said to have been made them. They planned to announce a decision by 4 o'clock.

Fresh evidence of the seriousness of the proposed rail strike was given today when J. P. Pickering, supt. of transportation of the Rock Island, announced that several of the big railroads had already declared an embargo on livestock and perishables.

Pickering said the Rock Island received notice of embargo from the B. & O., Big Four, New York Central and the Southern and Frisco lines. No livestock or perishables will be accepted that cannot be shipped to their destination before the hour set by the four railway brotherhoods for the strike. Restrictions will be placed on dead freight. The roads will not hold themselves subject to damages.

Both Pickering and H. V. Byron, head of the operating end of the Burlington, admitted the western lines were holding conferences today in regard to the declaration of a tight-clad embargo. It is thought likely there will be no real movement of freight to any points after tonight.

GIRL BRAVE IN FIRE

Mazie McComb, 18, telephone operator, proved a heroine today by sticking to her post until 200 employees had marched to safety after a fire broke out on the third floor of the Pioneer Paper Co., 448 W. Ohio st. P. F. Woody, supt., discovered the fire and turned in the alarm.

TELEGRAPH BRIEFS

Washington.—Dr. Cary T. Grayson, past assistant surgeon of the navy and Pres. Wilson's personal physician, confirmed as medical inspector of navy with rank of rear admiral by senate.

Rome.—Occupation of Bucarez, Tripoli, by Italian forces announced.